

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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**DECISION**

**TOPIC**

Hardwood Timber Sale - Preparation Canyon State Park

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The Natural Resource Commission is asked to approve the sale of an estimated 306,000 board feet of mixed hardwood trees at Preparation Canyon State Park. The sale consists of 150 acres of tornado damaged trees. 76 of the trees are black walnut and the remaining species include bur oak, ash, locust, elm, basswood, and hackberry.

On June 11, 2008, a deadly tornado destroyed approximately 150 acres of forest in Preparation Canyon State Park. The park is now littered with debris and downed trees as a result of the storm. Salvage logging is the most efficient and cost-effective means of cleaning up the damaged trees. Most of the native oak and walnut trees were destroyed. These trees need to be replaced in order to retain the benefits the park offers to a large number of wildlife species and the public.

Approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000 of the revenue generated from the sale will be used to replace oak and walnut trees on the 150 acres that was destroyed. The planting will be done under the direction of state park staff with assistance from DNR Foresters Jeremy Cochran and Brent Olson.

The following bids were received for the sale:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount of Bid</b>
Wilson Custom Tree	Cresco, IA	\$96,651.00
Reed Logging	Woolstock, IA	\$86,600.00
Lansing Forest Products	Lansing, IA	\$65,914.00
Hindman Logging	Winterset, IA	\$38,640.00
Esaias Logging	Red Oak, IA	\$30,000.00

The Commission is requested to approve a contract with the high bidder, Wilson Custom Tree, for \$96,651.00.

Paul Tauke, Forestry Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
December 11, 2008

Attachment: Notice of Timber for Sale (including maps)

October 18, 2008

**NOTICE OF HARDWOOD SALVAGE TIMBER FOR SALE**  
**Preparation Canyon State Park SALVAGE SALE**

The State of Iowa is offering for sale 150 acres of trees of which 76 are black walnuts and have approximately 28,500 board feet. The remainder of species include Bur Oak, Ash, Locust, Elm, Basswood, and Hackberry with approximately 277,500 board feet Scribner (more or less). These trees are located in Preparation Canyon State Park. The Walnut trees that we were able to find are marked with blue paint. The trees are north and east of the entrance road into the park and eastwardly throughout the park for about 1/3 mile width. The park is located, in Section 24 of Sioux Township (T82N, R44W) in Monona County. Please see the enclosed map. Bidders should satisfy themselves by examination as to the quality and quantity of timber offered. Below is a table of species and content.

Sealed bids will be received until **1:00 p.m., Friday, November 14, 2008**, at which time bids will be opened and the sale awarded to the highest bidder, except that the seller reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Mail or deliver bids to **Brent Olson, Area Forester, Loess Hills State Forest, Box 158, 206 Polk St., Pisgah, IA. 51564. Phone 712-456-2924**. Telephoned bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened at the Loess Hills State Forest Visitor Center Headquarters.

The successful bidder must execute a timber sale contract with the State of Iowa by **December 5, 2008**, and make payment at that time also. Trees must be removed by **March 31st, 2009**. Liability insurance is required. Buyers must be bonded.

Special Conditions

1. Logging and transporting of logs will be permitted only when the ground is firm.
2. Trails and access lanes, rivers, and streams must be left free of tops and debris. All trails must be left smooth without ruts.
3. The areas are open to logging activities from **October 1st to March 1st**. or in the summer months if dry and firm soil conditions exist.
4. The area manager, Brent Olson must be notified when the logger is operating on the area.
5. Trees marked must be cut and dropped.
6. When near the fringe of the damaged area, if trees have more than 50 % crown, leave them.
7. Best Management Practices are to be followed.

For further information, contact Brent Olson at 712-456-2924.

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**Amount bid for 150 acres of Tornado Salvaged Trees on the Preparation Canyon State Park SALVAGE SALE.**

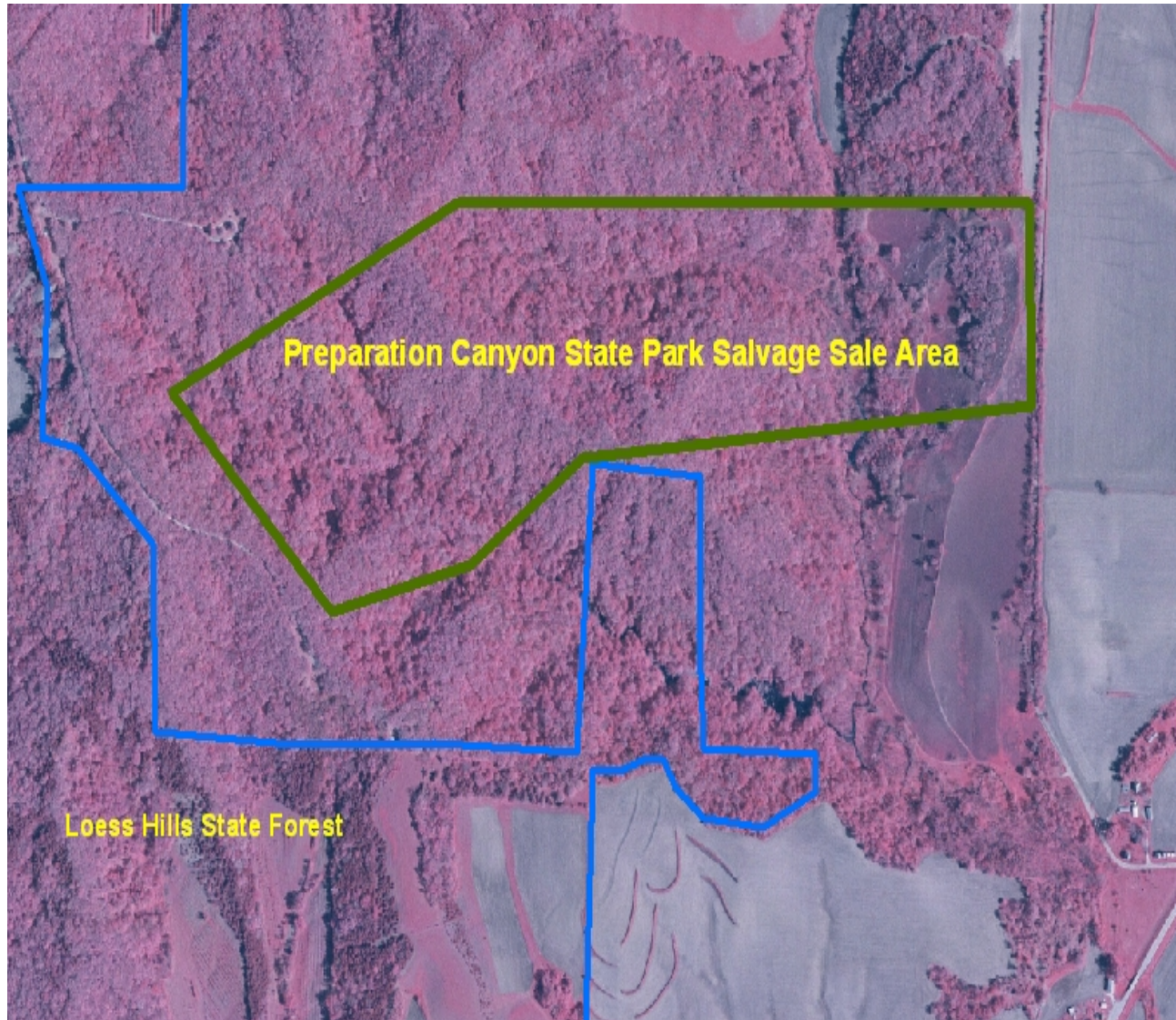
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Signature of bidder

This bid must be signed by the person submitting the bid. Please write "sealed bid" on the outside of the envelope so it will not be opened by mistake.

## **Locations of Preparation Canyon State Park Salvage Harvest Site**



**T-82-N**

**SIoux DIRECTORY**  
(Residents - Owners or Renters)

**R-44-W**

